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AAAPA does not disclose this feature. Therefore, the combination of the references, the propriety of which is respectfully not conceded, does not render claim 13 unpatentable.

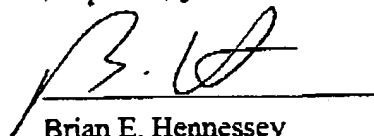
Applicant respectfully submits that claims 14, 17, and 18 incorporate features that correspond to those of claim 13 cited above, and are, therefore patentable over the cited references for at least the same reasons.

The above statements on the disclosures in the cited references represent the present opinions of the undersigned attorney. The Examiner is respectfully requested to specifically indicate those portions of the respective reference that provide the basis for a view contrary to any of the above-stated opinions.

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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